

REMARKS

Claims 24-28 and 58-93 are pending. Applicant has amended claims 24, 58, 72, and 86.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for her consideration during the telephone conference of September 7, 2005. During that conference, applicant's representative discussed how the GUI of the Kinney reference operated. In particular, Kinney's GUI is a conventional interface for viewing a video presentation in which play, fast forward, and reverse buttons are provided for controlling the video. Kinney's GUI also has a scroll bar with a thumb for rapidly moving a video in the forward or backward directions. Applicant's representative pointed out that Kinney describes a technique for modifying the timeline of a single stream (e.g., by selecting a fast forward button). Applicant's claims, in contrast, are directed to synchronizing multiple streams of a presentation. As discussed during the conference, applicant has amended the claims to more clearly emphasize that a presentation has multiple streams whose timelines are modified to accommodate a modified master timeline of the presentation.

The Examiner has rejected claims 24-28 and 58-93 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kinney. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims. Nevertheless, as discussed above, applicant has amended these claims to make it particularly clear that a presentation has "a plurality of individual data streams" and "for each of the plurality of individual data streams, an individual stream control" as recited, for example, by claim 1. Kinney neither teaches nor suggests multiple streams with slave controls and that after a master control modifies a master timeline, the slave controls modify the individual data streams to keep the streams synchronized. The Examiner believes that Kinney's scroll bar corresponds to a master control. Assuming this correspondence, Kinney, however, has nothing that corresponds to slave controls that modify individual data streams when the master timeline is modified.

Moreover, claims 58-93 make it particularly clear that the streams are provided by servers to clients. Kinney neither teaches nor suggest that a stream is provided by a server. In addition, each of the pending claims recite a combination of elements that is neither taught or suggested by the prior art.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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